

technology. Comments may be sent to: F. Lamont Heppie, Jr., Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

• **Title:** Financial and Statistical Report for Telephone Borrowers.
OMB Control Number: 0572-0031.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection, without change.

Abstract: Each telephone borrower signs a mortgage agreement that specifically requires the submission of annual, audited financial statements. The completed Form 479 is due back from the borrowers to RUS in order to comply with the Rural Electrification Act.

Respondents: Business or other for non-profit.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 900.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Hours per Response: 14 hours.

Combined Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 7,740 hours.

• **Title:** RUS Policy on Audits for Electric and Telephone Borrowers.
OMB Control Number: 0572-0095.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection, without change.

Abstract: The requested financial statements are needed to evaluate borrowers' financial performance, determine whether current loans are at financial risk, and determine the credit worthiness of future loans.

Under the authority of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (Act), as amended 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq., the Administrator is authorized and empowered to make loans under certain specified circumstances. As a requirement for these loans, the RUS mortgage in Article 2, Section 12, requires the Mortgagor to prepare and furnish financial statements to RUS at least annually.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Estimated Number of Responses: 3,872.

Combined Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 20,330 hours.

• **Title:** Borrower Investments, Telecommunications Loan Program.
OMB Control Number: 0572-0098.

Type of Request: Extension of a previously approved information collection, without change.

Abstract: The information collected will be used by RUS in considering

whether or not to approve a borrower's request to make an investment in a rural development project when such an investment would cause the borrower to exceed its allowable investment level.

Respondents: Not for profit institutions.

Estimate of Burden:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 380 hours.

Requests for copies of an information collection can be obtained from Gail Salgado-Duff, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 205-3660. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 23, 1998.

Wally Beyer,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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ARCHITECTURAL AND TRANSPORTATION BARRIERS COMPLIANCE BOARD

Access Board Meeting

AGENCY: Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (Access Board) has scheduled its regular business meetings to take place in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 12-13, 1998 at the times and location noted below.

DATES: The schedule of events is as follows:

Tuesday, May 12, 1998

9:00 a.m.-Noon and 1:30-3:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole—Accessibility Guidelines (Closed Meeting).

3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Technical Programs Committee

Wednesday, May 13, 1998

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Planning and Budget Committee Meeting on Agency Goals

11:00-Noon Planning and Budget Committee

1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Board Meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at: Marriott at Metro Center, 775 12th Street, NW., Washington, D.C.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding the

meetings, please contact Lawrence W. Roffee, Executive Director, (202) 272-5434, ext. 14 (voice) and (202) 272-5449 (TTY).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At the Board meeting, the Access Board will consider the following agenda items. Specific voting items are noted next to each committee report.

Open Meeting

- Executive Director's Report
- Approval of the Minutes of the March 11, 1998 Board Meeting
- Planning and Budget Committee Report—Status Report on Fiscal Year 1998 and 1999 Budgets
- Technical Programs Committee Report—Status Report on Fiscal Year 1997 and 1998 Research Projects, and Fiscal Year 1999 Research Agenda.

Closed Meeting

- Committee of the Whole Report—Accessibility Guidelines.

All meetings are accessible to persons with disabilities. Sign language interpreters and an assistive listening system are available at all meetings.

Lawrence W. Roffee,

Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

U.S.-South African Business Development Committee; Membership

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of membership opportunity.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is currently seeking nominations of outstanding individuals to serve on the U.S. section of the U.S.-S.A. Business Development Committee (BDC). The U.S. Department of Commerce and the South African Department of Trade and Industry created the BDC in June 1994 to provide a forum through which U.S. and South African private sector representatives could advise their governments on commercial issues relevant to bilateral trade issues.

The U.S. section is chaired by Secretary of Commerce William Daley and consists of 21 members representing the diversity of American business, with emphasis on: finance and investment; infrastructure; technical assistance; and market access. The BDC has held regular meetings since September 1994.